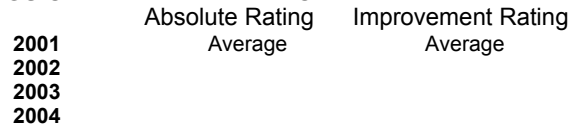


ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 92.

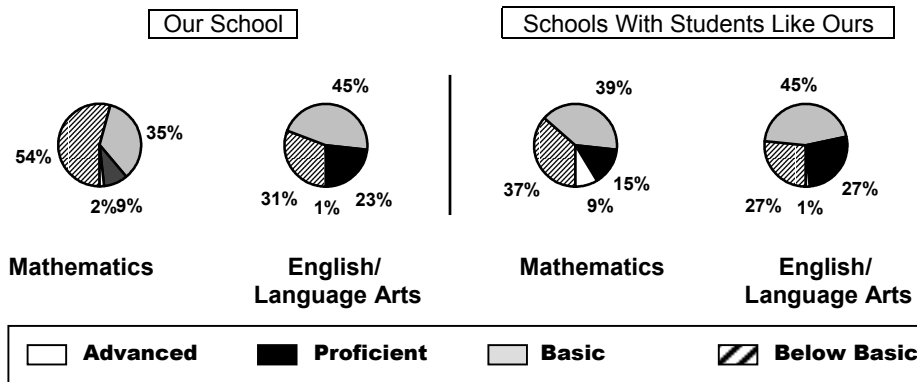
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=192)	69.3	45.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=177)	71.8	47.5		
Gender				
Male (n=89)	60.7	44.9		
Female (n=103)	76.7	46.6		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=52)	53.8	40.4		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=138)	74.6	47.8		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=110)	60	37.3		
Pay for lunch (n=82)	81.7	57.3		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,417	N/A	\$5,186	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 91.4%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	16.9 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=501)				
• Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.6%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	7.8%	N/A	3.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.6%	N/A	3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.4%	Up from 94.3%	96.7%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	6.7%	Down from 8.5%	4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=37)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.3 Days	Up from 6.2	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.8%	Down from 96.5%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.8%	Down from 59.5%	45.1%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	91.9%	No change	83.8%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.7%	Up from 0%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	95%	Up from 91.1%	87.8%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,090	Up 5.8%	\$36,652	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	9	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	91.6%	N/A	95.1%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	62.2%	Up from 25.9%	48.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.4%	Up from 0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	4.8%	Up from 3.3%	9.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	Up from 5.6%	8.3%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

McKissick Elementary is a K4-5th Title I School, serving a diverse population of 530 students. Our motto, "Steady as the Seasons Change," reflects our mission to provide year-round learning activities that promote student achievement and success. Among our accomplishments for the 2000-01 year are the following:

- AmeriCorp Project TEAM (Tutors, Enablers, Advocates, Mentors)
- Therapeutic Childcare Program for Kindergarten
- Arts-In-Education Grant (Artist-In-Residence Program/Street Fair)
- Increase in parent/community volunteers/participation
- Application submitted for a \$1 million 21st Century Grant
- District Winner for Young Writers' Workshop
- NAEYC Accreditation and state licensing of 4K program
- Extensive building renovations to improve the learning environment
- Satellite homework centers at Simpson Academy and Senior Citizen Center
- Increase in use of Accelerated Reader
- Acceleration programs provided during intersession

Our teachers and staff have worked very hard to provide quality instructional programs. A number of teachers have attended workshops and taken courses in brain-based research and computer technology. Student mobility continues to be a major concern. The average student turnover rate for the past several years is nearly 40 percent. Research has clearly shown the negative impact of student mobility on student achievement.

An active PTO and School Improvement Council provides support for the instructional program through fund raising, volunteer activities, cultural arts programs, and sponsorship of special events. By fostering a deep respect for achievement and learning, McKissick is committed to providing student success to a diverse and caring community.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	97.1	96.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.1	98.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	45.7	98.2	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 501 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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